

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No.
10/777,870 ~~application Ser. No. _____ filed on February 12, 2004~~
by Dennis Steven DeLorme et al. (ROC920040005US1) [[_____]],
entitled **METHOD FOR SUPPORTING MULTIPLE FILESYSTEM
IMPLEMENTATIONS** which is incorporated herein by reference in its
entirety.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 20, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Thus, when an old-style directory 718 is encountered as a child object in step 712, this child object is returned to the list building routine 402 of FIG. 5 as the last entry in the list (block 720). The routine 402 will then perform steps 506 and 510 as usual to determine if any additional child directories are to be added to the list. Once the list is complete, then the conversion process of FIG. 7 may be restarted. The new bottom entry of the list is retrieved in step 704 and the filesystem conversion process continues as before.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Similar to the file data structure 1002, the directory data structure 1102 includes two different anchor points 1106, 1108 that refer back to appropriate styles of directories. In many operating systems and filesystems, one way in which a link to a directory differs from that of a link to a file is that one of the attributes of the directory link is a “dot-dot” link. This attribute points to, or links to, the parent directory of a directory. According to the exemplary data structure 1102, the dot-dot link 1110 points to the same-style parent directory -- new-style directory 1100. The link 1104 from the different style directory 1101 is similar to a file link in that it does not include the dot-dot link. Thus, the data-structure 1102 includes an anchor point 1106, 1008 for each filesystem implementation and is referred to by a file-like link 1104 from a referencing directory 1101 that is of a different implementation style. However the data structure is referred to by a directory-link 1103 from a referencing directory 1100 having the same style implementation.